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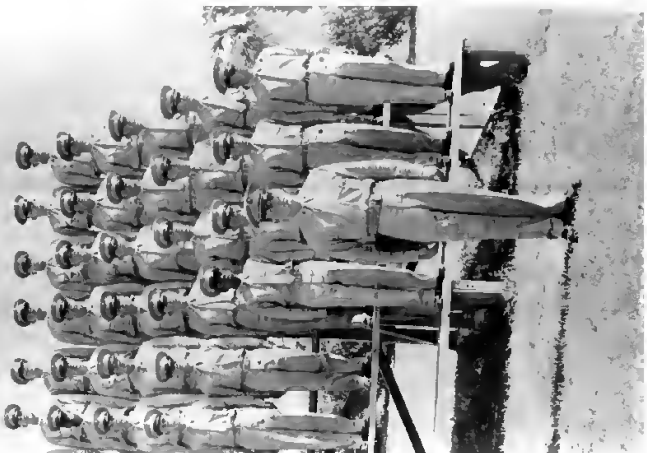












































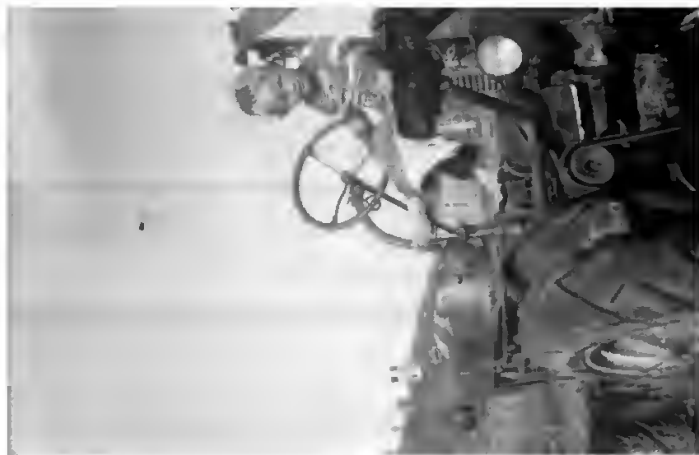




















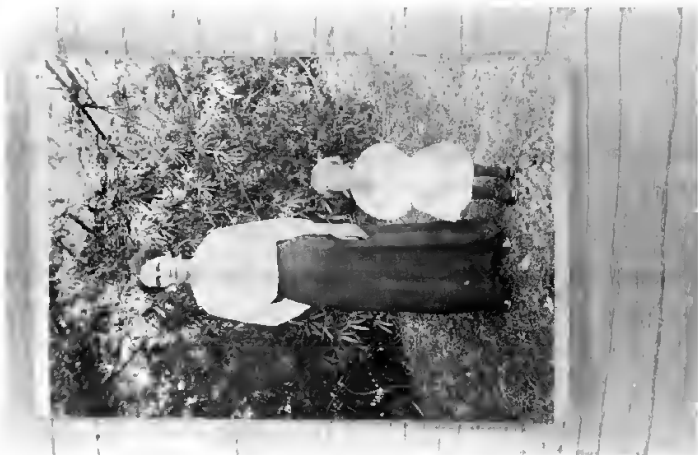




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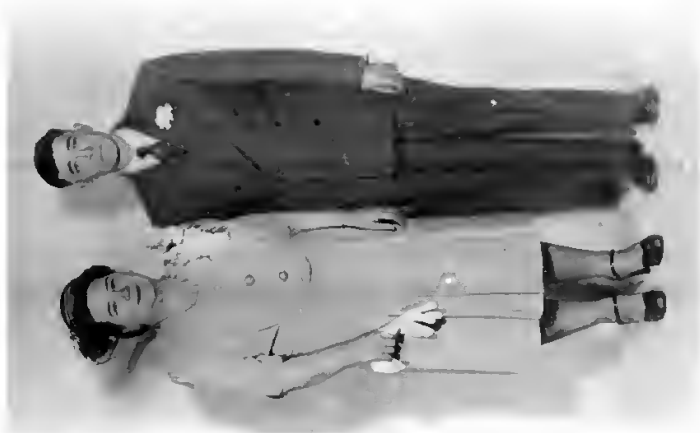








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They moved from Grayson County to Tinsell County and then to Peachtree County in 1888.

Lydia Alice was eight years old at that time, and Bill Grigger who was the son of Rhoda and Frank Grigger was about 6 months old. They traveled in covered wagons and came to Mill Point. They had to live in their wagons for two weeks before they could find a suitable place to live. They finally found a house at Sargo Creek near Sledge.

Their son William and their son-in-law Frank Grigger went back to Tinsell County to work in the coal mines. Their son WILLIAM was killed. No one knows what happened to Frank Grigger. He never came back. Leaving his wife and son Bill with the family, 1888.

They like living at Sargo Creek. They had good neighbors and had a good place to live.

John was still a book salesman, while selling books, he came to Beaver Creek and decided to move his family to this neighborhood. By this time his daughter, Mahala, was married to Omeriel Mikell and Melinda was married to Ed Aldredge. They both had homes near Sledge.

The Mram family moved into the house which is called the Joe Plyca house. They lived there a few years. Then moved into a log house belonging to Linda Aldredge, which is now the Clarence Gaylor place.

There was no school house in the neighborhood, Wesley Underwood built a log house on Beaver Creek about 1 mile from the Joe Plyca place, which he donated for school and church.

There was a church near the Beaver Creek Cemetery, but was burned down.

All the families in the neighborhood wanted to build a church. Since John Mram was a carpenter he gladly helped them. Donated many for rails and staves. The labor was free. It was the Beaver Creek Church and school for several years, this old building still stands.

# JOHN MRAM FAMILY

John C. Mram was an orphan child in Grayson County, Virginia. He was raised by a wealthy family who cared for and educated him. At the age of eighteen, he was considered a brilliant and understanding young man. He was a school teacher and carpenter. At that time school houses were so scarce and very few people sent their children to school.

John Mram travelled through the country on horse back and taught the children in their towns. Some were so poor they could not pay him, but he taught them all. He also helped the children to get paper, pencils, slates and books. He liked his work very much. He also gave writing lessons to the older people.

He married Mary Mahala and they lived in Grayson County. They were very happy for some time. He continued to teach and do carpenter work. John also sold a large assortment of books sometimes Mary would accompany him on his trips.

Then John Mram was called to war, at that time they had two children: Mahala and William.

Mary did not hear from him for several months. Sometimes letters were brought around Mary's house and as soon as the letter was over Mary would go around the house to see if any of the men were John. After long months of waiting, she heard that John had been very ill. He had contracted measles and had to travel through the rain, causing him to take pneumonia. When he came home he had a poor condition.

During the civil war the soldiers did not get payed and their wives did not get allowance checks. Times were very hard.

John gave up teaching and travelled around selling books. They lived in Grayson County for several years and had more children besides William and Mahala. They were Paulinda, Rhoda, Mary Elizabeth and Lydia Alice. Their daughter Rhoda married Frank Grigger.

*John Mram was the first to be called on a slave. He was a son of John Mram. He was a son of John Mram. He was a son of John Mram. He was a son of John Mram.*

John Moran was getting old this was his last carpenter job, however he still made furniture such as-cupboards, chest of drawers and wagons.

Mary Moran was a very talented woman, she was a taylor and an artist. She made baskets, paper flowers, quilts and rugs.

When they died they were layed to rest in the Key Cemetary-near Swago.

Grandma Moran (Mary Larue) was from a big southern plantation. John, her husband, had to go to war. She would go out and turn over the soldiers to see if any was her husband. She had a slave from her plantation home with her. Her husband, John, would never let go back to her home.

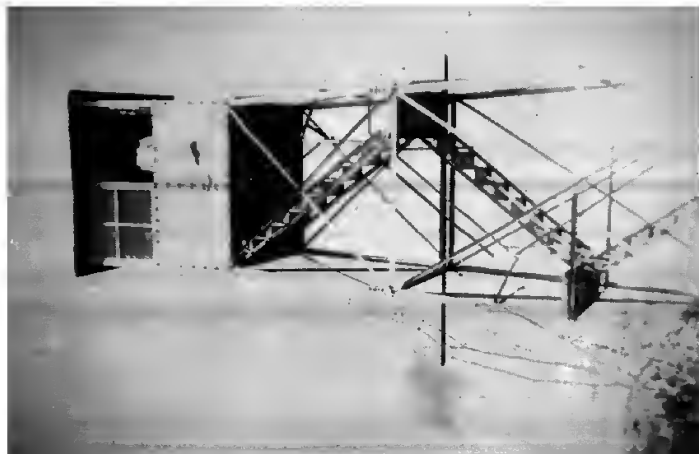
*Birthdate of Rhoda Moran Craggins Sims*  
*Unknown.*

*James William Craggins born Nov. 1, 1886*

*Dad always said he had 7 names - James, William, Mary, Rocky, Benjamin*

<i>Mary Sims born</i>	<i>April 26, 1892</i>	<i>Married Forest Kadenbach</i>
<i>Nellie J. Sims "</i>	<i>Sept 17, 1894</i>	<i>Joe Sims</i>
<i>Charles Sims "</i>	<i>April 27, 1896</i>	<i>Joe Sims</i>
<i>Bertie Sims "</i>	<i>Jan 14, 1897</i>	<i>Married A. Jarrell</i>
<i>Grace Sims "</i>	<i>April 14, 1898</i>	<i>Married S. Jarrell</i>
<i>Forest Sims "</i>	<i>Sept 18, 1900</i>	<i>Married Ruth Rogers</i>
<i>Benjamin Sims "</i>	<i>Nov. 27 1901</i>	<i>?</i>











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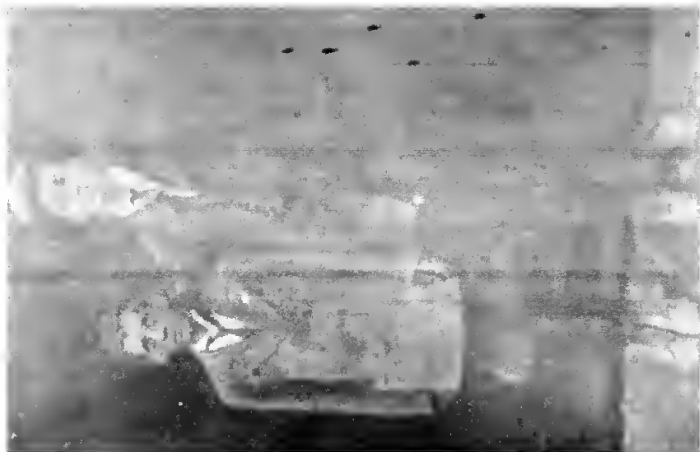
























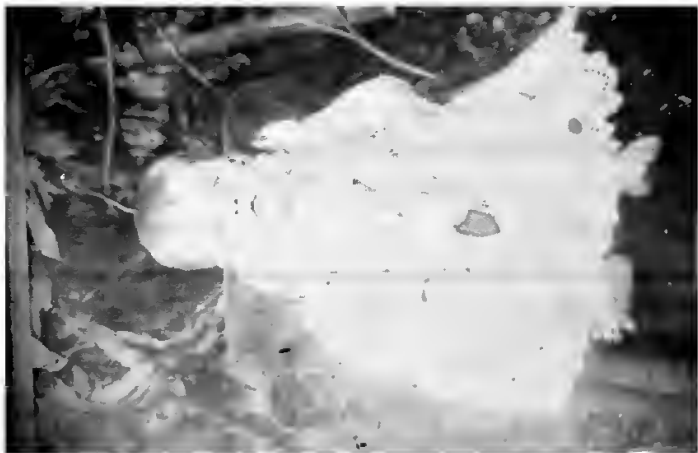










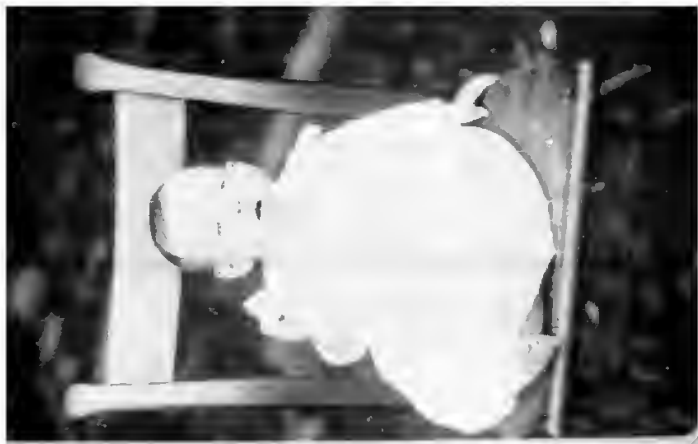














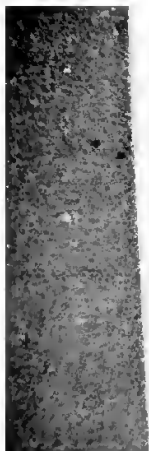






















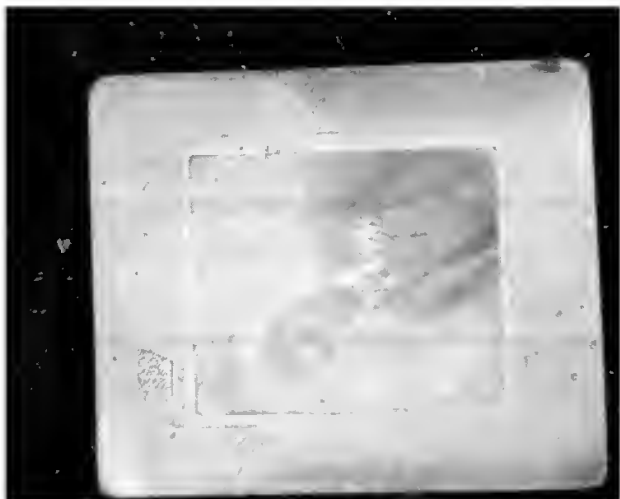










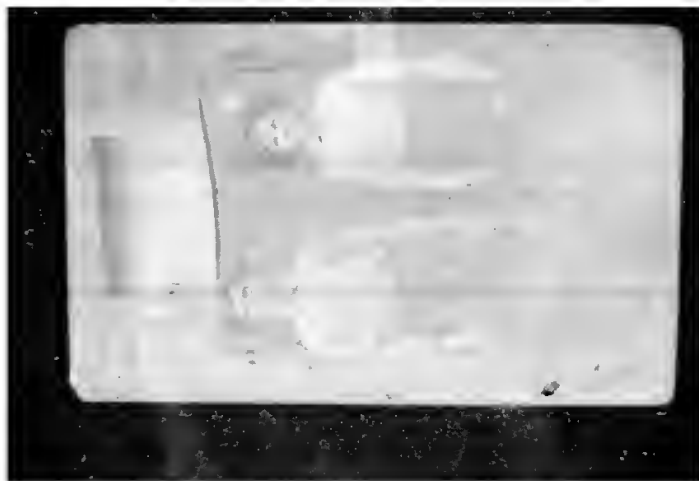






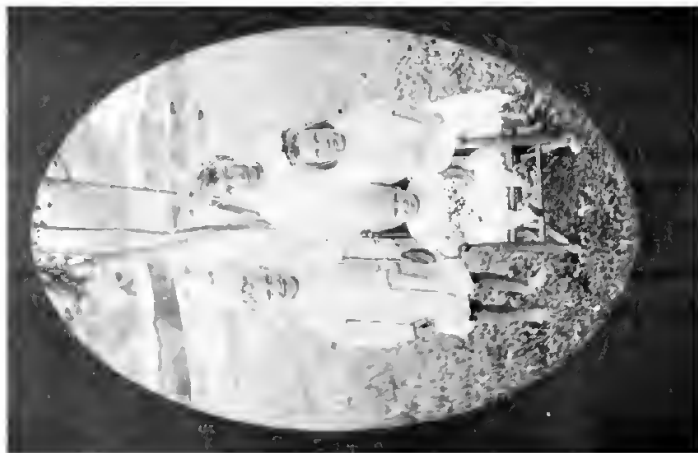
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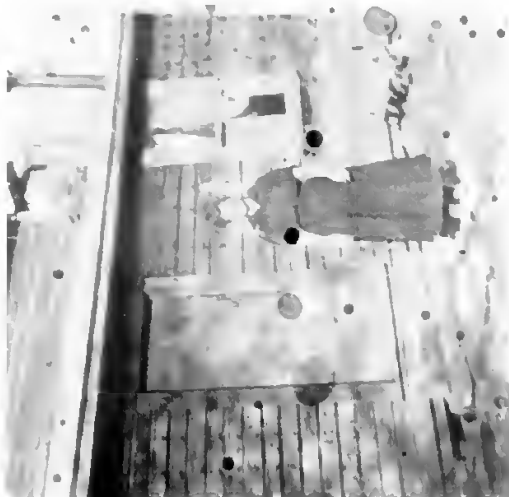










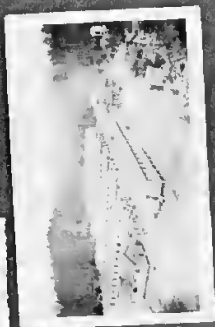


















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Scene on Greenbrier River, Marlinton, W. Va.





